

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 at line 5, immediately following the title of the invention, please **insert** the following **new heading and paragraph**:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This is the US National Stage of PCT/EP04/006043, filed on 04 June 2004, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) to German Patent Application No. DE 103 33 921.3, filed 25 July 2003.

On page 1, please **replace** the first paragraph with the following **amended paragraph**:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

Field of the Invention:

The ~~object~~ subject matter of the invention is a process for the extraction of one or more substances from a fluid starting material with an appropriate extraction agent by use of a static micromixer whereby the starting material is mixed with the extraction agent.

On page 1 at line 5, immediately preceding the second paragraph of text, please **insert** the following **new subheading**:

Description of Related Art

On page 2, please **replace** the first full paragraph with the following **amended paragraph**:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

The ~~purpose of the present invention was to further improve~~ the extraction processes, particularly in terms of an efficient mixing of the carrier medium with the extraction agent.

On page 7 at line 7, immediately preceding the description of Fig. 1a-b, please **insert** the following **new heading**:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 7, immediately preceding the last line on the page, please **insert** the following **new heading**:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION: